

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the Office Action of August 30, 2004, and offers the following remarks in response thereto.

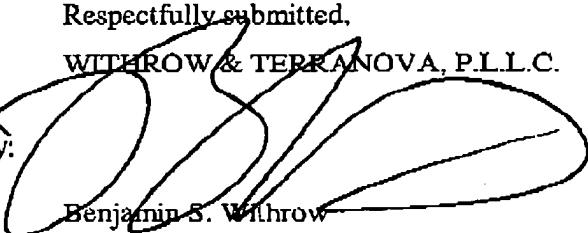
Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 8-10, 20, 28-30, and 40-42 are allowable. Applicant herein cancels claims 1, 13, 21, 33 and 45-51 and amends claims 2, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 22, 25, 31, 32, 34, 37, 43, and 44 to depend from allowable claims. Additional amendments are made to claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44. Some of these amendments are made to make the use of "the" and "said" consistently "the" throughout the claims. Other amendments are made to make the claim terminology consistent and confirm that the claim elements have proper antecedent basis in light of the changing dependencies. The remaining claims should all be in a condition for allowance.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection in light of the amendments presented herein. The remaining claims now depend directly or indirectly on allowable claims. Applicant earnestly solicits claim allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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